

Minutes of the October 9, 1998 Meeting
City Council Chambers
3300 Newport Blvd.
Newport Beach

1. Regional Board Chair Henriques called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Henriques, Regional Board Chair
Jerry A. King
John B. Withers
Evelyn Hart
Ann Atkinson
Maurice Gallarda

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Stein, Regional Board Vice-Chair
Rodger Siems

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Karen White, Executive Assistant
Hope Smythe, Chief of the Planning Section
Kenneth Theisen, Sanitary Engineering Associate of the Planning Section
Scott Dawson, Environmental Specialist III of the Planning Section
Dixie Lass, Chief of the Landfill Section
Keith Person, Water Resources Control Engineer of the Landfill Section
Linda Garcia, Associate Water Resources Control Engineer of the Planning Section

LEGAL COUNSEL

Ted Cobb, State Water Resources Control Board

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Jane Forster

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

D. Burnell Cavender, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Rod Cruze, City of Riverside
Jim Colston, Orange County Sanitation District
Tess Dennis, CFBF
Kathy Nakase, CFBF
Pat Kilroy, City of Lake Elsinore
Jim Norman
Kenneth Belitz, U. S. Geological Survey
Debra Bechtold, Targhee
Christina Scott, Orange Co. Coop. Ext.
Timothy Ryan, San Gabriel Valley Water District
Mark R. McDonald

Burton Gindler
John E. Graham, Environmental Products and Technologies Corp.
David Foster, EPTC
Emory J. Carney
John Kabashima, U. C. Cooperative Extension
Mike Wehner, Orange County Water District
Larry Honeybourne, Orange County Health Dept.
Gene Estrada, County of Orange

3. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 1998

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 28, 1998, were approved, as presented.

5. Orange County Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Co-composting Facility Support Program

This item was postponed to the November 20, 1998 meeting.

BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS

6. Newport Bay/San Diego Creek Watershed Nutrient TMDL – Resolution No. 98-100

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Scott Dawson, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Section, presented this item. Mr. Dawson stated that the purpose of this item is to present proposed revisions to Resolution No. 98-9, approving the Newport Nutrient TMDL, to address the concerns of the Office of Administrative Law. Mr. Dawson reviewed the proposed revisions and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-100.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Hart, seconded by Board Member King, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 98-100, as presented.

7. Newport Bay/San Diego Creek Watershed Sediment TMDL – Resolution No. 98-101

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Hope Smythe, Chief of the Planning Section, presented this item. Ms. Smythe indicated that the changes to the approved Sediment TMDL were necessary to address the concerns of the Office of Administrative Law. Ms. Smythe reviewed the proposed changes and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-101.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Board Member Gallarda, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 98-101, as presented.

WORKSHOPS

8. Newport Bay Fecal Coliform TMDL

Ken Theisen, Sanitary Engineering Associate of the Planning Section, presented this item. The purpose of the fecal coliform TMDL is to assure compliance with the Basin Plan objectives for body contact recreation and shellfish harvesting. Mr. Theisen reviewed staff's approach in developing the TMDL and stated that staff is working closely with State Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency staff to develop a staff report for a workshop at the Board's November 20, 1998, meeting. Mr. Theisen answered questions from the Regional Board.

9. Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Santa Ana Region

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Linda Garcia, Associate Water Resources Control Engineer of the Planning Section, presented this item. Ms. Garcia stated that the purpose of this workshop is to initiate the triennial review of the Basin Plan. She indicated that staff had identified and proposed priorities for 31 issues that might be addressed, however, resources are available to address only certain high priority projects. She reviewed staff's proposed list of high priority issues. Ms. Garcia indicated that based on comments received, a triennial review workplan would be developed and proposed for Regional Board adoption at a subsequent public hearing. Ms. Garcia answered questions from the Board.

Comments were provided by the following:

Bernard Cavender, General Manager of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Anthony Araiza, General Manager of West San Bernardino County Water District

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Cleanup and Abatement Order:

10. Mid Valley Sanitary Landfill, San Bernardino County – Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 98-96

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Dixie B. Lass, Chief of the Landfill Section, introduced this item. Ms. Lass stated that the proposed item requires San Bernardino County Waste Systems Division to address contamination migrating from the landfill both on site at the point of compliance and off site at the distal end of the plume. Ms. Lass showed view graphs of the landfill. She also reviewed the list of events occurring at the site that led to issuance of the proposed Cleanup and Abatement Order. Ms. Lass answered questions from the Board.

The following made presentations:

Gerry Newcombe, County of San Bernardino Waste System Division
Gary Lass, Geologic Associates

Comments were provided by the following:

Mark McDonald, San Gabriel Water Company and the Fontana Water Company
Tom McPeters, Fontana Union Water Company
Terry Cook, Fontana Water Resources
Anthony Araiza, General Manager of the West San Bernardino County Water District

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Board Member Gallarda and unanimously carried to adopt Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 98-96, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill Expansion, San Bernardino County

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Presentations regarding the expansion of the Mid Valley Landfill were presented by the following:

Dixie B. Lass, Chief of the Landfill Section
Keith Person, Water Resource Control Engineer of the Landfill Section
Gerry Newcombe, County of San Bernardino Waste Systems Division
Gary Lass, Geologic Associates

12. Appointment of a Committee to Nominate Regional Board Officers for 1999

Chair Henriques asked Board Members Withers and Gallarda to act as the nominating committee.

Board Members Withers and Gallarda accepted.

13. Board Meeting Dates and Locations for 1999

The Regional Board reviewed the proposed calendar of Board Meeting dates for 1999.

14. General Permits

The Board accepted the report as received.

15. Hazardous Waste and Sewage Spill Incident Report

The Board accepted the report as received.

16. Executive Officer's Report (information item).

Executive Officer Thibeault reviewed items of the written report. He also acknowledged a letter received from Assemblyman Joe Baca's office regarding staff's participation at the Government Day event on September 12, 1998.

Environmental Program Manager Schneider summarized court proceedings of the Defend the Bay case, and answered questions from the Regional Board.

Board Member King requested a transcript of the court proceedings.

Ms. Schneider also presented a brief update on the proposed 401 Certification Permits and wetlands projects to be developed and implemented by The Irvine Company.

17. Regional Board Member Communications

The Regional Board postponed the Board Member retreat scheduled for October 23, 1998, to a later date.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Regional Board Chair Henriques adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. to the November 20, 1998, regular meeting to be held at the City Council Chambers of Loma Linda.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

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